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"An Enlightened and Informed Public Is America's First Line of Defense" — Congressman Connery

L. J. CONNERY

We knew that our expose of Hitler's newest undercover army in the Western Hemisphere, the Spanish Falange (CLICK, September, 1941), would arouse a storm. No sooner did the story appear on the stands than the Cuban Government pounced on Italian Minister Giovanni Persico—whom we exposed as being a key man in the Axis network—and sent him back to Rome.

On August 13th, Congressman Lawrence Connery of Massachusetts got up on the floor of Congress and made a stirring speech, which speech, with certain parts emphasized by us, is reproduced on this page. It speaks for itself.

We would like to tell you a few things about Congressman Connery himself. A native of Lynn, Massachusetts, he saw service as a private on the Mexican border in 1916 after being graduated from Georgetown University. He served 19 months in France, is now a captain in the reserves. He never stopped fighting for democracy. He succeeded his late brother, Congressman William Connery, in Congress in 1937. He has twice been re-elected.

Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. is now abroad. His feature, The Pulse of America, usually on this page, will reappear next month.

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HOW AXIS "FIFTH COLUMN" IN CUBA STRIKES AT THE UNITED STATES

MR. CONNERY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

Mr. CONNERY. Mr. Speaker, were this country to send the consuls of that peewee Hitler, Francisco Franco, back to Spain, we would be taking a drastic step, but after reading the revealing story entitled "How Axis 'Fifth Column' in Cuba Strikes at United States," in the current issue of Click magazine, I wonder if we ought not do exactly that.

We are all familiar with the slimy work of Nazi and Fascist agents in this hemisphere, and our Government has taken action against them. But I must confess that we never dreamed Franco's agents had made such deep and dangerous inroads and are, in fact, becoming more important to Hitler than his own agents in Central and South America. I think we must do something about this new menace.

This week, it is reported, two members of the Cuban Senate requested that the Italian and German consuls be banished for their nefarious activities. In Chile, in Brazil, in Mexico, and in other Central and South American nations similar and even more drastic action is being taken. There can be no question about the danger of the Axis having been sensed throughout the Western Hemisphere. But, if these legations, including the Japanese, are driven out of this hemisphere the high-powered Axis campaign against democracy will not be in one whit abated. The reason for this is becoming more and more painfully evident.

Click devotes 4 pages to explaining how this Axis loophole operates, how it acts to undermine our democracy. The story can be summed up in two words: Falange Espanola. Behind these two words is a pistol aimed at the very heart of democracy in the New World.

This article makes some very specific charges. These charges are based upon the research of an investigator the publication sent to Cuba. He brought back documentary proof that the Falange is Hitler's ace in the hole for the New World. He spoke to Dr. Gustavo Guitérez, Speaker of the Cuban House of Representatives, who told him, "Since the Nazis and Italians find it hard to operate openly through their own organization, they work mainly through their puppet, the Franco Falange."

In Cuba alone—1 hour by plane from the American mainland—the Falange has 30,000 members actively engaged in undermining democracy, in pumping for fascism. They swear fealty to Franco; they hail Hitler as a noble ally; they maintain an army that includes a full infantry regiment, an artillery battalion, a cavalry squadron, engineers, and an aviation squadron of over 200 men.

The Falange has spread like a pestilence all over Latin America. It is a pestilence, moreover, which has succeeded in escaping the bright glare of publicity hitherto accorded the Nazis. This is just what Hitler wants. He expects, eventually, that as events catch up with the Axis legations, the Falange will be left alone to carry on his work under the direction of his agents now directing it in Latin America. It is time we realized that Francisco Franco is as much a creature of Adolf Hitler as Quisling, Mussolini, and other so-called independent fuehrers. As **Click points out in this timely expose:**

> Whether Franco stays in office as puppet dictator of Spain or not depends upon whether puppet-master Hitler wins this war. Therefore, the Falange, Franco's personal Fascist party, is doing everything it can to bring about a Hitler victory.

Nor is the Falange confined to South America. It is active right here in the United States, where it is said to have support in powerful quarters. It is time we smoked out the activities of this latest Axis threat. If, after a complete investigation, it develops that the Falange is carrying on the same sort of activities in the United States that it pursues in Latin America, I propose that we instantly act to smash this Fascist offensive. I propose that in that event we send the Spanish legations packing on an early trip of the liner *West Point*.

The Click expose is a timely warning. Let it not go unheeded.

It happens, Mr. Speaker, that I am familiar with some of the work of this magazine, and I think it is praiseworthy. I know of no publication which has been more consistently and sincerely opposed to nazi-ism or which has fought this blight upon civilization more relentlessly. Some months ago there was a documented article clearly setting forth the menace of Jan Bata, so-called Czech shoe king, a Hitlerphile, who is now on our South American blacklist. Later there were articles showing how the Nazis were extracting tribute from American industry. Another article which I recall exposed the vicious campaign against American Catholics waged by Hitler's minions here—now openly directed over the Berlin radio, I may add.

An enlightened and informed public is, in my opinion, Mr. Speaker, democracy's first line of defense. I want to commend the editors of Click for their labors, for by their investigations and these articles they have made a real contribution to our national defense.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks and to include the text of this article.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

(The article referred to appears in the appendix of today's RECORD.)

CLICK WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE AMERICANISM - - - THE EDITORS

The lead story in the September issue, *President Roosevelt's Program for Peace*, by Jay Franklin, proved to be one of the most prophetic forecasts ever published. Exactly one day after it reached the stands, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill announced the joint Anglo-American eight point peace program. Every single point outlined in the CLICK forecast was included in this program. Senators Pepper of Florida and Guffey of Pennsylvania both inserted CLICK's historic forecast in the Congressional Record. It was, Senator Pepper told his colleagues, "a rather remarkable anticipation of the declarations which were announced today from President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill."

Another great story by Jay Franklin appears in this issue. In South America, in Washington, in various parts of the world, crack journalists and investigators are preparing new exclusive CLICK scoops—each one a preview of world history. Watch for them.

Japan's Mein Kampf Lists

SECRET OBJECTIVES CALL FOR ULTIMATE WORLD DOMINATION

America is next on Japan's list of victims! Originally, the United States was fifth on this unhappy list. First came Manchuria. Then came a network of key railroads in Asia. Third on the list was China. The fourth victim slated to fall on the road to Japanese world domination was the Soviet Union. Our turn was to come after that —but Japan has developed a real fear of the Red Army. So now we are next.

This is not the nightmare of a good but nervous California citizen. You can wish that it were. Japan has a plan, a real plan in black and white, a plan that her power-drunk rulers have been following since it was first presented to the Emperor by Baron General Giichi Tanaka when he was Premier in 1927.

Japan calls the Tanaka Memorial a forgery—but they executed the clerk in the Tokio Foreign Office who stole a copy of the original and gave it to Japan's enemies 17 years ago. Rear Admiral Taussig, testifying in a secret session in Washington a year ago, was not fooled by Japanese denials. He warned that the Tanaka Memorial's blueprint of conquest would bring about an eventual war between Japan and the United States. Japan's aggressions since 1927 have all proven that the Tanaka Memorial is in every sense of the term Japan's own *Mein Kampf*.

BARON GENERAL GIICHI TANAKA and his entire cabinet drew up the infamous Tanaka Memorial—Japan's *Mein Kampf*—when he was Premier in 1927. Since then, the rulers of Japan have followed his plan to the very letter.

Unlike Hitler's boastful chart of his own war against humanity, the Tanaka Memorial was never intended for public consumption. Like *Mein Kampf*, it was considered a harmless joke by the world statesmen and the world press. Its accuracy as a guide to Japanese aggression since 1927 has proven no joke. Now that the Tanaka Memorial time table reaches the point of threatening America, it becomes necessary to drive home its full significance to all Americans. Here are its key objectives.

OBJECTIVE: MANCHURIA AND MONGOLIA

Tanaka's plan for conquering Manchuria and Mongolia seemed fantastic in 1927. "We are constantly under the watchful eyes of the Powers," he wrote, "and every step that we take arouses suspicion. By using American and European capital, we can further our plans for Manchuria and Mongolia. By so doing, we shall allay international suspicions and clear the way for larger plans . . . in short, by inviting international participation . . . we can blind the eyes of the world. Having achieved that, we can push our advance in Manchuria and Mongolia at will, free ourselves from the restraints of the Nine Power Treaty and strengthen our activities in that country with foreign capital." This has worked out exactly as Tanaka planned it.

OBJECTIVE: FAR EASTERN RAILROADS

The Tanaka Memorial's long range program was based on a new network of railroad controlling all continental Asia. "From now on," it said, "we must take military purposes as our object and build circuit lines to circle the heart of Manchuria and Mongolia in order that we may hamper China's military, political and economic developments there on the one hand, and prevent the penetration of Russian influence on the other. This is the key to our continental policy." All of the railroads proposed in the Memorial have now been built. These lines extend to Russia's Trans-Siberian Railroad. Through this link Japan can invade Europe. But Japan must first beat the Red Army.

OBJECTIVE: CHINA

Like the careful planner that he was, Baron Tanaka laid down a hard, one-sided, set of rules for conquering China. "In order to conquer China," he wrote, "we must first conquer Manchuria and Mongolia." That Japan's rulers live by the precepts of the Tanaka Memorial is ably borne out by current history. Not until they bit off huge chunks of these strategic and rich territories did their real, all-out war against China proper begin. Nor did Baron Tanaka fail to foresee that "a dangerous factor is the fact that the people of China might some day wake up. Even during these years of internal strife, they can still toil patiently, and try to imitate and displace our goods. When we remember that the Chinese are our sole customers, we must beware lest one day when China becomes unified and her industries become prosperous, Americans and Europeans will compete with us; our trade in China will be wrecked." Japan's armies are today fighting desperately to prevent this very unification of China that Tanaka warned against.

OBJECTIVE: RUSSIA—U. S.

The two great powers Tanaka feared above all were Russia and the United States, in that order. The Tanaka Memorial makes this very plain. "Manchuria and Mongolia are the Belgium of the Far East. In the Great War, Belgium was the battlefield. In our wars with Russia and the United States, we must also make Manchuria and Mongolia suffer the ravages." Why were these wars to be fought? The Memorial answers: "A war with Russia over the plains of North Manchuria is inevitable. . . . For the sake of self-preservation and of giving warning to China and the rest of the world, we must fight America some time. The American Asiatic Squadron stationed in the Philippines is but a stone's throw from Tsushima and Senchima. If they send submarines to these quarters, our supply of foodstuffs and materials from Manchuria and Mongolia will be cut off entirely. But if the Kirin-Hueining Railway is completed . . . we are then entirely free from interference." This railroad that Tanaka demanded in 1927 has now been built!

OBJECTIVE: WORLD DOMINATION

The Tanaka Memorial calls for nothing short of world domination by Japan. Here, in the words of Japan's *Mein Kampf*, is how its author envisioned it. "Japan cannot remove the difficulties in Eastern Asia unless she adopts a policy of *Blood and Iron*. But in carrying out this policy we have to face the United States. In the future, if we want to control China, we must first crush the United States. In order to conquer the world, we must first conquer China. . . . Having China's entire resources at our disposal, we shall proceed to conquer India, the Archipelago, Asia Minor, Central Asia, and even Europe. But to get control of Manchuria and Mongolia is the first step."

Read the last sentence again. The one point the Tanaka Memorial pounded home in 1927 was the need for Japanese control of Manchuria and Mongolia. After this was achieved, Tanaka promised clear sailing for Japan's march of conquest. The question now is: How soon will Japan try to "crush the United States" in order to control China——and then the world? By following the dictates of the Tanaka Memorial since 1927, Japan has finally reached this bridge. Can they cross it?

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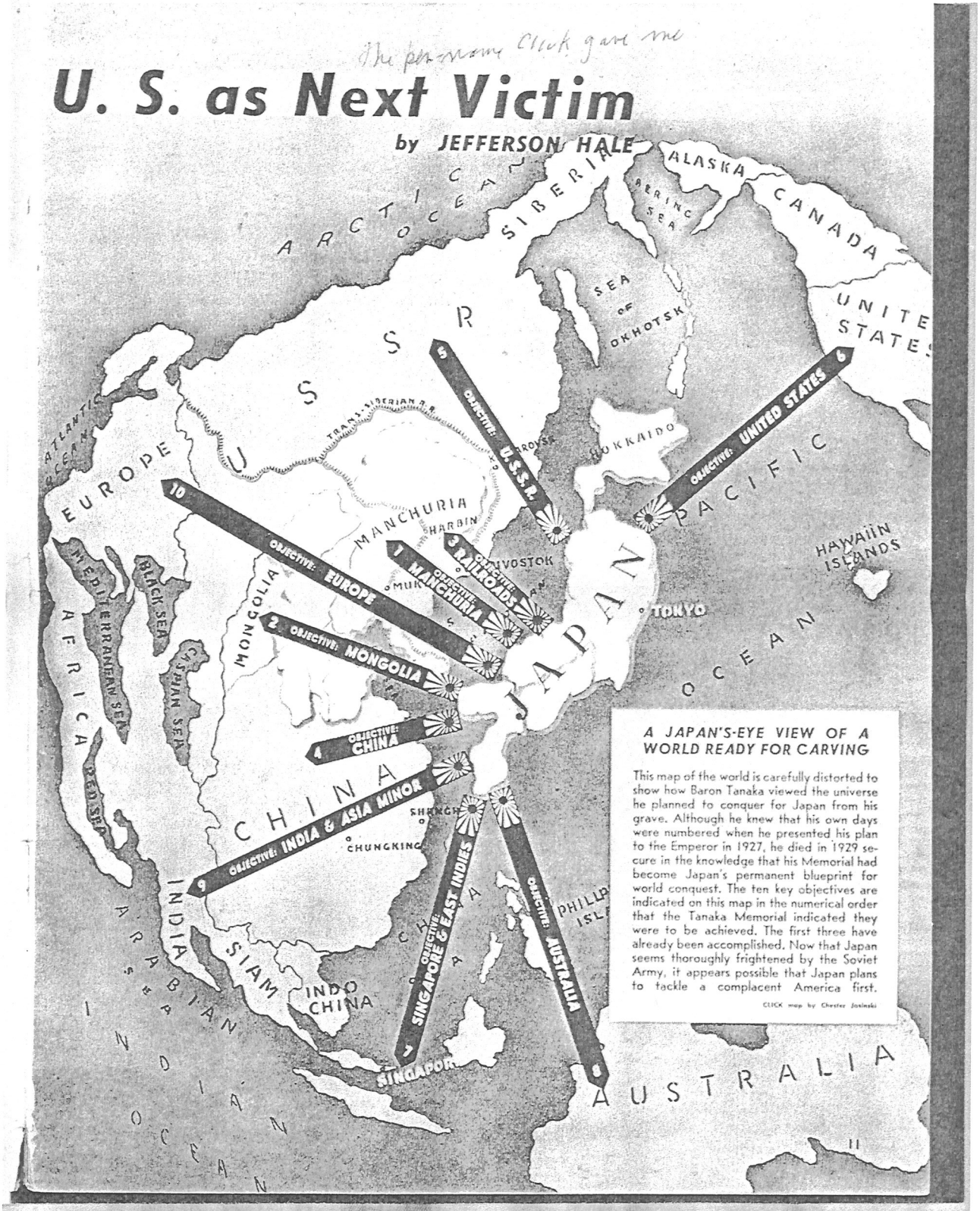
U. S. as Next Victim

by JEFFERSON HALE



A JAPAN'S-EYE VIEW OF A WORLD READY FOR CARVING

This map of the world is carefully distorted to show how Baron Tanaka viewed the universe he planned to conquer for Japan from his grave. Although he knew that his own days were numbered when he presented his plan to the Emperor in 1927, he died in 1929 secure in the knowledge that his Memorial had become Japan's permanent blueprint for world conquest. The ten key objectives are indicated on this map in the numerical order that the Tanaka Memorial indicated they were to be achieved. The first three have already been accomplished. Now that Japan seems thoroughly frightened by the Soviet Army, it appears possible that Japan plans to tackle a complacent America first.

CLICK map by Chester Jasinski